

Creating a Sustainability Office Website

Observations After 2 Years at UIC

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Students

Faculty

Staff

Administration

Behavior

Ecoliteracy & Advocacy

Interdisciplinary Projects

Curriculum & Research

Teaching Practices

Office Purchasing

Campus Operations

Commitments

Policies

Sustainability Principles

Change

Sustainable Institution

Overview

- Set Your Goals
- Know Your Skills & Capacity
- Know Your Campus
- Leverage Available Resources
- Best Practices & Tips

Setting Goals: What is your site?

- Source for Information
 - Sustainability Success Stories
 - Discover Sustainability Research
 - Data/Reports: Recycling, Energy, Etc.
- Point of Connection/Learning
 - Sustainability Courses
 - Best Practices/How-To Guides
 - Discussion Boards/Blogs/Suggestions
 - Events/How to Get Involved

Know Your Skills & Capacity

- Have you ever designed a website before?
- Who can help you? Departments, Students, etc.
- What is your budget:
 - Should you hire a: designer, student, teacher?
- How much do you need to learn to run things?
- Content creation the most important piece

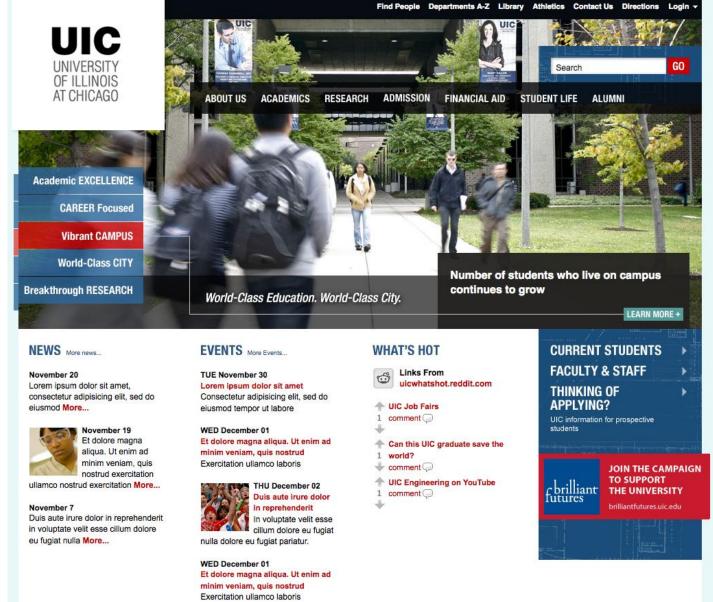
Know Your Campus System

- What are the limits of your campus website:
 - Static or Dynamic Site?
- Branding requirements
 - Do you have a Content Management System?
 - Are there design standards?
 - Web Accessibility Standards
 - Mobile access
- Can you use outside services?

Current



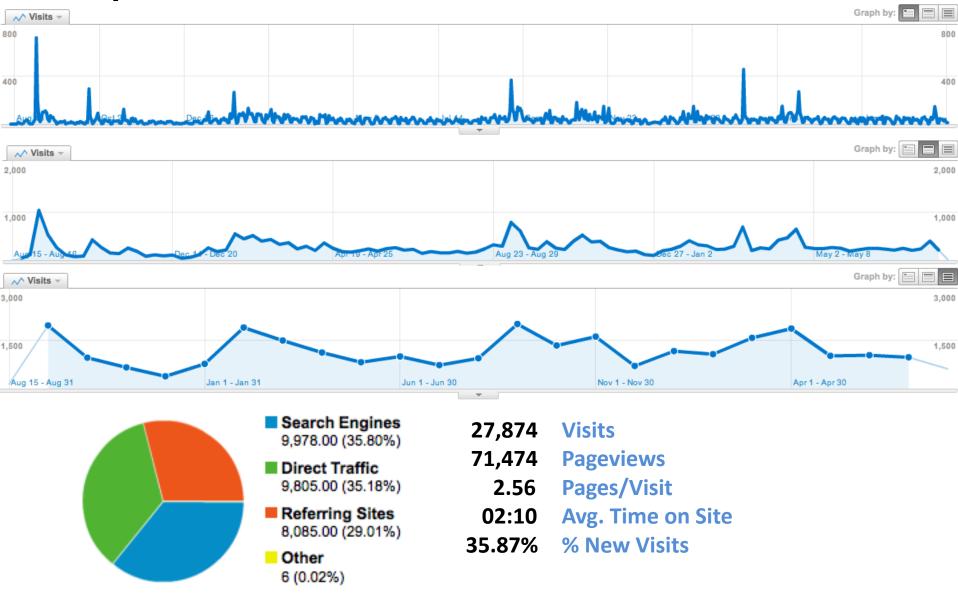
Next Week



Leverage Available Resources

- "Free" hosting & web services, e.g.:
 - Google
 - Calendar, Maps, Sites, <u>Analytics</u>, Moderator, Blogger
 - Twitter
 - Facebook
 - Blogging platforms/CMS
 - Drupal, Joomla, Wordpress, (Blogger)

Analytics



Discussion/Sharing

- Where to start:
 - AASHE Resources
 - Look at your peers
- What works for you?